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SUBJECT: JOSHUA NKOMO VISITS BULGARIA

1. BULGARIAN PRESS REPORTED JUNE 26-28 VISIT OF ZIMBABWIAN DELEGATION LED BY ZAPU CHAIRMAN JOSHUA NKOMO TO BULGARIA, AT INVITATION OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF BULGARIA COMMUNIST PARTY (BCP). NAMES OF OTHER DELEGATION MEMBERS WERE NOT GIVEN.

2. NKOMO WAS MET AT AIRPORT BY DIMITUR STANISHEV, MEMBER
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OF BCP SECRETARIAT, LAID WREATH AT MAUSOLEUM OF GEORGI DIMITROV (BULGARIA'S LENIN'S TOMB), ADDRESSED ACADEMY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND SOCIAL MANAGEMENT, AND MET WITH PRESIDENT TODOR ZHIVKOV AND PENCHO KUBADINSKI, LEADER OF FATHERLAND FRONT (FF), BULGARIA'S OSTENSIBLE POLITICAL UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION.

3. PRESS REPORTED THAT AT ZHIVKOV MEETING, NKOMO "STRESSED GREAT IMPORTANCE OF SULLGWT OF COUNTRIES FROM SOCIALIST COMMONWEALTH FOR SPREADING OF NATIONAL LIBERATION STRUGGLE OF PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE, AND EXPRESSED SINCERE GRATITUDE OF LEADERSHIP OF ZAPU FOR HELP RENDERED BY BCP AND BULGARIA." IN HIS RESPONSE, ZHIVKOV SPOKE OF "PRINCIPLED AND CONSISTENT POLICY OF BCP IN SUPPORT OF JUST AND LEGITIMATE STRUGGLE OF OPPRESSED PEOPLES FOR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND SOCIAL PROGRESS."

4. PRESS STATED THAT AT JUNE 27 FATHERLAND FRONT MEETING, FF CHAIRMAN KUBADINSKI, WHO ALSO SAW NKOMO OFF AT AIRPORT JUNE 28, "ACQUAINTED VISITOR WITH HISTORY OF FF AND ITS PLACE IN BUILDING OF AN ADVANCED SOCIALIST SOCIETY," WHILE NKOMO SPOKE OF "TASKS OF PATRIOTIC FRONT" OF ZIMBABWE.

5. COMMENT: FATHERLAND FRONT-PATRIOTIC FRONT PARALLEL WOULD BODE ILL IF THERE WERE ANY REAL BASIS FOR IT. FF WAS AT FIRST BROAD SPECTRUM COALITION OF BULGARIAN POLITICAL GROUPS WITHIN WHICH, WITH HELP OF RED ARMY, BCP CONSOLIDATED ITS RULE IN BULGARIA IN POST-WAR PERIOD. WITHIN RELATIVELY SHORT PERIOD, COALITION PARTIES WERE DESTROYED ONE BY ONE, WITH ONLY A GUTTED AGRARIAN PARTY--NOW IN "INDISSOLUBLE ALLIANCE" WITH BCP--REMAINING.
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